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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 24, 1975
Bangor, Maine

Finance Committee

PRESENT: Chairman pro tem Robert R. Masterton, James H. Page, Nils Y. Wessell, Kathy Doheny, Grattan P. Murphy and Artemus E. Weatherbee. Staff: Herbert L. Fowle, Jr., Sally V. Holm, JoAnne R. Magill, Harry W. Gordon and David I. Carter.

The meeting opened with Mr. Page serving as Chairman.

Approval of Minutes. The minutes of January 28, 1975; February 25, 1975; March 25, 1975 and April 22, 1975 were approved as circulated.

Dining and Residence Budgets 1975/76. On motion of Professor Murphy which was seconded, the Committee VOTED to recommend Board approval of the following Revenue and Expenditure Operating Budgets for fiscal year 1975/76:

	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>
UMPI	\$ 462,153	\$ 462,153
UMF	\$1,024,985	\$1,024,985
UMFK*	\$ 181,950	\$ 216,950
UMM	\$ 319,019	\$ 319,019
UMPG	\$1,134,155	\$1,134,155
UMO (BCC)	\$6,513,117	\$6,513,117

Resolved Further, that debt service payments are approved as follows:

	<u>Payment</u>	<u>Source</u>
UMO	\$896,625	Room and Board Fees
UMPI/F/FK/M/PG	\$767,653	Room and Board Fees \$468,468 Investment Revenue 135,000 Reserve Reduction 164,185
		Total <u>\$767,653</u>

*The difference of \$35,000 between revenue and expense will be subsidized from funds available to the Chancellor as approved by the Board.

Unrestricted Educational and General Expenditure Level 1975/76. Mr. Fowle presented the Unrestricted Educational and General Expenditure Level for 1975/76. He stated that it appears that the University will not receive any additional appropriations from the State, therefore, the budget is based on "Plan A": living with last year's appropriation minus \$500,000 from the state fuel reserve.

On motion of Ms. Doheny which was seconded, the Committee VOTED to recommend Board adoption of the following resolution:

That the education and general expenditure level for fiscal year 1975-76 is approved at \$53.2 million, and

That the probationary, merit and longevity increases provided in the Classified Employee Wage and Classification System are suspended pending receipt of additional funding or for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1976, whichever occurs first.

That this expenditure level does not permit any salary and wage increases for either professional or classified employees.

MPBN Expenditure Level 1975/76. Mr. Page pointed out that MPBN has had to absorb increases and cut many expenses in order to balance its budget. Ms. Doheny moved to recommend Board approval of the MPBN expenditure level. The motion was seconded and VOTED.

That the expenditure level for the Maine Public Broadcasting Network be \$1,202,800 for 1975/76 and subject to the same constraints as listed above for the E & G budget.

Mr. Masterton took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

Appropriations - Legislative Action. Mr. Fowle reported that there was an item in the supplemental appropriations bill to pay for 100% of the employees' health insurance, amounting to \$200,000, but the Governor had not yet signed the bill.

L.D. 827, which would extend collective bargaining rights to University employees, is on the appropriations table awaiting the outcome of a bill to increase state appropriations to the Public Employees' Labor Relations Board to handle the extra case load.

Compensation Schedule. Mr. Fowle answered Trustee questions on levels of compensation for University employees. He reported that a Task Force, the FLC and Administrative Council are working on a salary policy. Trustees questioned the use of AAUP category I on a University-wide basis. The Committee requested comparable data by October and asked that representatives of the general public and the legislature be named to a salary committee.

Reappointment of Legal Counsel. The Committee discussed procedures for selecting legal counsel. On motion of Dr. Wessell which was seconded, the Committee VOTED to recommend that the law firm of Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer and Nelson of Portland, Maine be retained as legal counsel for fiscal year 1975-1976. Terms will be as follows:

Retainer Fee -- \$25,000
Court Appearances -- \$40.00 per hour
Formal Board Appearances -- \$40.00 per hour
Labor Relations Services -- \$50.00 per hour
Travel Expenses -- Actual or 12¢ per mile

Further agreement was reached that if funds are forthcoming for professional salary increases in FY 1975/76, the retainer fee will be negotiated.

Student Activity Fees. Mr. Fowle presented the report on Student Activity Fees. On motion of Dr. Murphy which was seconded, the following schedule of fees was recommended for Board approval:

	<u>1975/76</u>
UMPI	\$30
UMF	\$35
UMFK	\$30
UMM	\$35
UMPG	\$24
UMO	
Undergraduate	\$20
Graduate	\$18
Bangor Community	
College	\$40
UMA	\$12

Gifts & Grants. On motion of Dr. Wessell which was seconded, the Committee VOTED to recommend Board acceptance of all gifts, grants and awards listed under dates of June 24-25, 1975.

Early Retirement Policy. On motion of Mr. Murphy which was seconded, the Committee VOTED to recommend Board approval of

the early retirement plan as revised to lower the eligibility age to 60 and remove the restriction barring future employment by the University.

Adjournment.

Margaret R. Dexter
Clerk, Board of Trustees